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NEW DELHI FOR JOHN HIRSCH

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: UNSC DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA

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1. WESTERN FIVE MET AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AT FRENCH MISSION
AM APRIL 4 TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN UNSC DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA.
ALL AGREED THAT BEST HOPE FOR DECLARATION LAY IN SLOW NEGO-
TIATING PROCESS WITHOUT WEST APPEARING TO PUT PRESSURE ON
AFRICAN GROUP. AFTER SURPRISE CALL FFROM SECRETARIAT SAYING
THAT SC PRES CONSALVI OF VENEZUELA HAD REQUESTED SC

CONSULTATIONS, GROUP ADJOURNED TO UN.

2. DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, BENIN, PANAMA, USSR, UK, US, PAKISTAN, AND FRANCE ALL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF SUSPENDING MEETINGS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS. BENIN PARTICULARLY SAID IT AND THE AFRICAN GP HAD BEEN WORKING HARD FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO NEGOTIATE A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE DEBATE; BENIN DEP PERM REP HOUNGAVOU SAID THE SC SHOULDN'T WORK IN TOO MUCH HASTE AND THAT MORE TIME WAS NEEDED FOR CONSULTATIONS. SC PRESIDENT STATED THERE WOULD BE NO MORE COUNCIL SESSIONS THIS WEEK ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA UNLESS THE NEGOTIATIONS FINISHED EARLIER THAN EXPECTED, AND THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD MEET APRIL 6 AND 7 ON THE BENIN COMPLAINT.

3. IN THE AFTERNOON, AMB RAMPHUL OF MAURITIUS CALLED WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS TO INFORM THEM AF GP HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT IDEA OF DECLARATION BUT TO REJECT ALL WESTERN AMENDMENTS OFFERED TO AF GP MORNING OF APRIL 1. THUS, AF GP RETURNED TO TEXT THEY HAD PRESENTED TO WESTERN FIVE THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 31 (REFTEL E).

4. WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS MET AGAIN AT 5 PM AND DECIDED TO ASK AF GP REPS (THREE SC MEMBERS: BENIN, LIBYA, MAURITIUS) TO MEET WITH WEST WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, TO GIVE REASONING BEHIND THEIR REJECTION OF WESTERN PROPOSALS, AND TO INFORM SELECTED AMBASSADORS IN NEW DELHI OF THE SITUATION (SEE FOLLOWING PARA).

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5. FOR NEW DELHI: USUN HAS FOUND AMBASSADORS HARRIMAN OF NIGERIA, JAIPAL OF INDIA, AND SALIM OF TANZANIA HELPFUL IN THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE DECLARATION. IF DEPT CONCURS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD APPROACH THEM (PLUS AMB JACKSON OF GUYANA) TO FILL THEM IN ON THE ACTIVITIES HERE IN NEW YORK SINCE THEY DEPARTED (AT YOUR DISCRETION FROM REFTELS), PARTICULARLY THE FACT THAT THE AF GP HAS NOW DECIDED TO REJECT ALL OF THE WESTERN PROPOSED CHANGES WITHOUT DISCUSSION. PLEASE EXPRESS US AND WESTERN CONCERN THAT THE CONSENSUS DECLARATION SEEMS TO BE IN TROUBLE AND REQUEST THEIR ADVICE (OBVIOUSLY IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL OFFER THEIR ASSISTANCE).

6. COMMENT: AFRICAN GROUP DECISION TO ACCEPT THE DECLARATION BUT REFUSE WESTERN AMENDMENTS SEEMS TO BE ATTEMPT TO PUT BLAME ON WESTERN FIVE IF THE TALKS NOW REACH A DEADLOCK. AS UK MISOFF BYATT PUTS IT, "THE AFRICAN GROUP,

INSTEAD OF HITTING THE BALL BACK IN OUR COURT, IS ATTEMPTING TO REACH OVER AND DROP IT SURREPTITIOUSLY ON OUR SIDE OF THE NET". WESTERN FIVE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AND INTEND TO KEEP ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AVENUES OF NEGOTIATION OPEN AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE.

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